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1. [REDACTED] that Hankow under Communist rule is in a chaotic condition. Production is at a stand-still. According to informant, a former dealer in rice bags, the present plight is caused partly by the Nationalist blockade and partly by unrestricted labor strife.
2. Due to the general economic collapse, revenue to finance the war and the new government has become very short. The new regime has lifted restrictions on opium and gambling and derives revenue from them.
3. In less than a month after the take-over of Hankow, the Communists disarmed the groups of armed peasants who participated with the regular troops in the "liberation" of the city.\* The peasants resisted this move, but were suppressed and sent back to their villages. After their suppression, they organized a Peoples Anti-Communist, Anti-CHIANG Kai-shek, and National Salvation Army (人民反共反蔣救國軍). No information is available as to the size or strength of this local organization.
4. [REDACTED] in Canton about 1 August 1949. He closed his shop, bought a travel pass for fifty catties of rice from an official in the district office in his part of the city, and walked to Kwengtung with his family.

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